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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WILKINSON FROM BENSON: THERE MAY VERY WILL BE
BACKGROOUND TO ME IN ITS DETAILS DATING FROM
LAST ANNUAL REVIEW IN MOSCOW, 1974, WHEN NALLE AND
RICHMOND HAS SOME WORDS PRIOR TO BILATERAL MEETING
ON WHO WOULD SPEAK TO WHICH SUBJECT. IN 1977,
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES INDEED EXPECT TAKE LEAD ROLE
IN DISCUSSING MATTERS IN WHICH EMBASSY PLAY PRINCIPAL
OPERATING ROLE, THESE TO INCLUDE WHAT ARE KNOWN AS
"USIA PROGRAMS." WE'LL ALLMEET ON SUNDAY, FIRST IN
OUR APARTMENT IN AFTERNOON AND THEN IN MARILYN'S FOR
CONTINUED TALKS AND INFORMAL DINNER. I WOULD EXPECT
ROLES TO BE FULLY AND EASILY DEFINED AT CONCLUSION
OF DAY.

2. ASSUME YOU WILLBE SENDING VIA OPEN CHANNEL
SOME WRAPUP ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING,
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NOW CAN TEL US ABOUT THE
PRESIDENT'S CONVERSATION WITH PATOLICHEV? THE
LATTER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PLEASED, BUT WE DO
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NOT KNOW IF ANY ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE WERE DISCUSSED.
KEN SKOUG IS SENDING BY MEMCN SOME COMMENTS PICKED
UP FOROM HAROLD SCOTT COVERING THE PATOLICHEV/
ALKHIMOV RELATIONSHIP AND SOME OTHER INSIDE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE COUNCIL SESSION.

3. WITH REGARD TO MOSCOW 16858 (SHORT-TERM LESES),

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A PROMPT REPLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
THE JAPANESE ARE GOING TO SETTLE WITH UPDK THIS WEEK
AND SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES WILL SOON FOLLOW SUIT.
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TACTICALLY FOR US TO FINISH OUR
NEGOTIATION WITH UPDK BEFORE TOO MANY EMBASSIES SIGN
THE LEASE. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO SPEED A REPLY WILL
HELP.

4. WE ASSUME THAT NO MORE HAS BEEN HEARD ABOUT A VISIT
BY SENATOR DOLE (STATE 264194).
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